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-STADIS FOR THE SECRETARY AND YOUNG FROM MAYNES AND LEONARD

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SUBJECT: ERW DECISION.

1. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND AND AGREE WITH THE ARGUMENTS OF THOSE WHO OPPOSE ANY DIRECT ARMS CONTROL LINKAGE WITH OUR DECISION NOT TO PROCEED WITH THE ERW, WE BELIEVE THE COINCIDENCE OF OUR ANNOUNCEMENT WITH THE BEGINNING OF THE 5TH PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT PROVIDES US WITH AN OPPORTUNITY WHICH SHOULD NOT BE PASSED UP. WE SUGGEST THAT THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT CONCLUDE BY NOTING THE BEGINNING OF THE FINAL ROUND OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE SSOD, REAFFIRMING OUR COMMITMENT TO MAKE A CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE MEETING AND EXPRESSING OUR HOPE THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR ERW DECISION WILL STIMULATE OTHERS TO MAKE COMMITMENTS OR CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS IN THE SAME SPIRIT. WE WOULD ALSO SUGGEST  
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THAT BUTCH FISHER, WHO WILL HEAD OUR DELEGATION TO THE 5TH PREPCOM, MAKE A SIMILAR STATEMENT IN NEW YORK ON THE DAY OF THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT. ALTERNATIVELY, WE COULD LEAVE ANY REFERENCE TO THE SSOD OUT OF THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT BUT STILL HAVE FISHER MAKE THE CONNECTION IN HIS STATEMENT.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS PROPOSAL IS OPPOSED BY ALL THOSE WHO PREVIOUSLY OPPOSED THE IDEA OF ANY DIRECT ARMS CONTROL LINKAGE IN OUR ANNOUNCEMENT. ACDA'S ARGUMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, GOES THAT WHILE WE WOULD HOPE OTHERS WOULD GIVE US CREDIT FOR NOT GOING AHEAD WITH THE ERW IN THE SSOD, WE SHOULD NOT RAISE THIS ISSUE OURSELVES. IT WOULD MAKE IT SEEM THAT THE DECISION WAS DRIVEN BY ARMS CONTROL CONSIDERATIONS, WOULD CUT ACROSS OUR ARGUMENT THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE THE SAME DEFENSE GOALS AS EFFECTIVELY BY OTHER MEANS AND WOULD NOT LEAD TO ANY MEANINGFUL RECIPROCAL GESTURES BY THE SOVIETS.

3. WE RECOGNIZE THE MERIT OF THESE ARGUMENTS BUT STILL BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO TAILOR OUR ANNOUNCEMENT SO AS TO MAKE THE MAXIMUM IMPACT ON THE SSOD. THE SOVIETS HAVE MADE ERW A MAJOR ISSUE IN THIS CONTEXT AND, IF WE DON'T SEIZE THE GROUND FROM THEM BY MAKING OUR OWN CONNECTION BETWEEN THE DECISION AND THE SPECIAL SESSION, THE SOVIETS WILL SIMPLY CLAIM CREDIT FOR FORCING OUR HAND. ALSO, WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE DIFFERENT ARGUMENTS TO DIFFERENT AUDIENCES ABOUT OUR ERW DECISION, REFLECTING THE FACT THAT A BROAD VARIETY OF FACTORS INFLUENCED IT. COOPER

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